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Kittitas County Community Development:

This letter is to comment on the proposed swimming location applied for by Grant PUD at Vantage Marina. KCFD#4 is strongly opposed to the proposal, as it is an extremely unsuitable area for swimming. The banks are steep all around with cliff area included, the underwater slope is extreme instead of gradual, posing an extreme risk for unexperienced swimmers, and it is unguarded by oversight. Several drownings have occurred in the area over the years, and it is overall unsuitable for a swimming location.

Of further import is the re-establishment of the marina in the subject location. To pull the structures necessary for restoring and maintaining a dock installation is unwise and ill-advised. Vantage Marina has been used to stage and moor rescue craft over the decades, and the need to do so in the future will only increase as the population and development increases. To take the site out as the only feasible location for a marina on the Kittitas County side is not only irresponsible, but negligent to the safety of the river using public. In addition, to remove the electrical infrastructure which currently provides a beacon and reference point for boaters as far as ten miles away shows blatant disregard for boaters seeking navigational assistance after dark, and indicates the level of regard Grant PUD has for recreation within its project boundaries.

Kittitas County Fire District 4 strongly urges Community Development to reject this proposal on its merits-based deficiencies, as well as make a serious investigation and effort into re-establishing the vital facilities previously in place in order to promote the welfare and safety of its constituents.

Sincerely,

William V Rose
Chief KCFD 4